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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,6-8,10-12,14-20 and 22.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 23, 2004 has been received and considered.
2. It is noted that the references cited therein do not change the patentability of the claims. Moreover, majority of these references were previously considered during the prosecution of the parent applications 08/182,074 and 08/612,212. Due to this, it appears that the Examiner inadvertently did not initial the references cited in the IDS filed on August 14, 1996.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (571) 272-4514. In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to **(571) 273-8300**.

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